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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 10/023,874

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: RECORDED MATTER, METHOD OF
PRODUCING RECORDED MATTER,
METHOD FOR IMPROVING IMAGE
FASTNESS, IMAGE FASTNESS-
IMPROVING AGENT, IMAGE
FASTNESS IMPROVING KIT,
DISPENSER, AND APPLICATOR

Examiner: Unassigned

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Director, the Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 3, 10, 15, 40, 41 and 50. (Some of the U.S. patents are mentioned on page 40 of the specification.) Applicants have obtained

English language computer database abstracts for the non-English documents and attached them to their respective copies. English language counterparts, where readily available, are also enclosed and listed on the Form PTO-1449.

FORMAL MATTERS

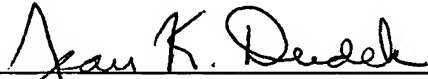
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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